

Subject: Concern of Parking in and Around the hospital.

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Good day council members;

I am reaching out to express my concern around the potential changes to parking regulations in and around the hospital.

I would like to make it known that this is not my first time expressing concern over parking around this area, and as a homeowner in this area I feel my concerns should be at least heard and brought into the mix when decisions are made. There is the struggle for parking for sure, though the only concern that seems to be discussed and brought to city's attention is for those that don't live on this road. If I am to understand the concern that brought this issue to the forefront, it is around parking tickets. I am curious out of all these parking tickets, how many are from individuals who work for northern health and simply don't want to pay for parking?

An observation I have made, living on Alward, is that free parking spaces are something of a rarity. There is a scramble for who can obtain one of these spaces throughout the day, you see staff running out throughout the day moving from one area to another (as seen by their dress attire). I would also like to point out that there are **parking spaces available in the back parking lot**, they just need to be paid for. There are many times where individuals are ticketed due to being in the space for too long, parking in front of a fire hydrant, and at times parking with the vehicles overhanging into the entrances of the parking lots and side entrances for the hospital. On a side note, all of these areas are clearly signed, and this is something that has been taught to us when we learned to drive, I am not trying to be rude about this, but it is part of drivers education, Learn to Drive Smart Your Guide to Driving Safely, page 32, clearly does show what the signs are and what they mean.

I understand that a new parkade is to be built, and there is construction impacting a section of the parking originally available, but the hospital has provided its staff with an off site parking lot with a shuttle. I had a letter from one of its staff dropped in my mailbox, indicating that this is what the Hospital has done for its employees, asking to use my driveway when she was working because she feels that this arrangement would be inconvenient for her.

Well, what about me?

I am a homeowner, that is limited to just 2 spaces in my driveway, I am limited to having friends or family over due to never being able to park on the street because there are never any free spaces. From what I am to understand, a majority of the citizens in Prince George have this luxury, and yes I use this term, luxury, because anyone who lives near this commercial structure is robbed of this. I am hoping that this is taken to heart. This is not the first time that Northern health has impacted the residents in this area in a negative way.

Before council truly invests copious amounts of time and energy into this, I hope they take into consideration that parking tickets are not given to those who follow the rules, they are given to those who

do not. And if I am to understand this further, these parking rules have been put in place so that they work for, not just the hospital, but the homes lining these streets too. When solutions for parking in this area are brought to the table, should Northern health not be involved when it comes to providing its staff with appropriate parking, the impact of charging its employees to come to work and park, and the impact on its surrounding areas.

Thank you for taking the time to consider the other side of the street and a pray that this does not fall upon deaf ears,

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